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Operational Summary

Mission:

To enhance public safety and welfare and create a sense of security in the community through the vigorous enforcement of criminal and civil laws in a just, honest, efficient and ethical manner.

Strategic Goals:

- Protect the public from criminal activity.
- Create a sense of security in the community.

At a Glance:

 Total FY 2005-2006 Actual Expenditure + Encumbrance:
 86,063,691

 Total Final FY 2006-2007
 90,456,643

 Percent of County General Fund:
 3.07722%

 Total Employees:
 674.00

Key Outcome Indicators:

Performance Measure	2005 Business Plan Results	2006 Business Plan Target	How are we doing?
FELONY CONVICTION RATE What: Percentage of filed felony cases resulting in conviction. Why: Measures the Office's ability to effectively represent the People of the State of California.	Felony conviction rate exceeded 90%.	To meet or exceed 90% felony conviction rate.	The Office has maintained excellent conviction rates. However, conviction rate may decline if funding is reduced below current level of service.

FY 2005-06 Key Project Accomplishments:

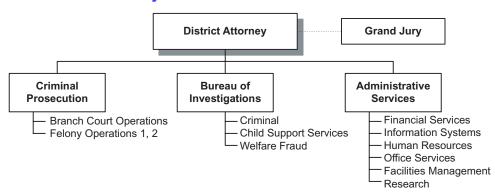
- The Office's accomplishments included continuing to sustain a felony conviction rate in excess of 90%. Ensuring justice to victims, their families, and the community at large remains our top priority. Having these violent offenders in prison and off the streets protects the public from further victimization.
- The Office's TracKRS (Taskforce Review Aimed at Catching Killers, Rapists, and Sex Offenders) Unit provided investigative and coordinating efforts to local Law Enforcement agencies resulting in successfully solving crimes and apprehending suspects. One case led to the filing of homicide charges resulting from a 1974 murder of 27-year-old woman in her Santa Ana apartment.
- Through successful collaboration, Orange County was a statewide leader in the implementation of Proposition 69 (The DNA Fingerprint Initiative).
- In January 2006, the Office established the White Collar Crime Prosecution Team (WCCPT). This team is comprised of prosecutors, investigators, and support staff. The WCCPT will prosecute embezzlement, larceny, computer crime, identity theft, and other fraud schemes. These types of cases are growing in number and complexity both in Orange County and nationwide.
- The Office obtained convictions in several multi-million dollar, high-profile embezzlement and medical fraud cases.

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The Office's diligence in prosecuting consumer crimes resulted in the Office returning 2 million dollars to the County General Fund.

The Office expanded its website providing a virtual "one-stop shop" for public safety resources and information targeted to Orange County residents.

Organizational Summary



Administrative Services - This Division provides a full range of support services including accounting, budgeting, human resources, information systems, office support services, facilities management, research, purchasing, and compliance review/audit.

Bureau Of Investigations - The Bureau is comprised of law enforcement personnel who provide investigative, forensic computer and other related technical services for the agency's prosecutors. Investigators provide trial support by conducting complex criminal investigations as well as interviewing and subpoenaing witnesses.

Investigators also assist other County law enforcement agencies with complex investigations, cases involving multiple jurisdictions, and investigation of officer-involved shootings throughout the County. The Office's TracKRS Unit assists local law enforcement in the discovery, investigation, and apprehension of homicide and violent sexual offenders.

Criminal Prosecution - The Criminal Prosecution Division prosecutes felony and misdemeanor crimes.

Felony Operations 1: Prosecutes the majority of violent felony crimes. Units in this area include: Homicide, Sexual Assault, Family Protection, Gangs, TARGET, and Felony Panel (prosecutes a variety of felony crimes not handled by specialized felony units).

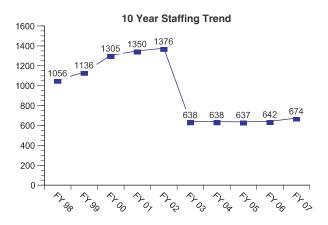
Felony Operations 2: Contains vertical and non-vertical prosecution units. The units include: Economic Crimes (prosecutes white-collar crime, high tech crime, identity theft, and high-dollar fraud crimes); Consumer and Environmental Protection Unit (prosecutes auto insurance fraud, workers' compensation insurance fraud, improper usage or dumping of hazardous materials and companies and individuals that engage in fraudulent business practices); Narcotic Enforcement Team (prosecutes major narcotic traffickers and illegal drug manufacturers); Career Criminal (prosecutes dangerous repeat offenders); Welfare Fraud Criminal Prosecution Unit; Law and Motions Unit (researches and presents writs and appeals and other court motions); and the Felony Projects/Special Assignment Unit (prosecutes a variety of specialized felonies (arson, hate crimes, political corruptions, and cases dealing with Mentally Disordered Offenders) and investigates Officer Involved Shootings).

Branch Court Operations: Prosecutes adult misdemeanor crimes and conducts preliminary hearings in each of the five Justice Centers and handles felony and misdemeanor petitions in the Juvenile Justice Center. In addition, each of the five Justice Centers includes a Felony Charging Unit designed to make the filing of felony cases more efficient and consistent. The Division handles over 48,000 misdemeanor cases annually, over 19,000 adult felony filings, and the vast majority of the 7,600 juvenile petitions presented to the Office each year.



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Ten Year Staffing Trend:



Ten Year Staffing Trend Highlights:

- Each year since FY 2001-02, the Board of Supervisors has approved funding for five Attorney III positions to provide prosecution support to implement Proposition 36, Substance Abuse Crime Prevention Act (SACPA) approved by voters in November 2000.
- During FY 2002-03, the Office deleted six positions funded by the Regional Gang Enforcement Team (RGET) federal grant program, which ended on December 31, 2002.
- In FY 2003-04, the Board of Supervisors approved the Office's augmentation request converting six long-term extra-help positions to regular status to comply with Memorandum of Understanding requirements. During this fiscal year, the Office deleted one position for the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act Truancy Program.
- In FY 2005-06, the Board of Supervisors approved the Office's augmentation request to add five paralegal positions to handle trial preparation, respond to court orders, and meet the specialty court requirements.
- During FY 2005-06, the Board of Supervisors approved the Office's request to add four Attorney positions and one Investigator position to handle increased felony case filings.
- During FY 2005-06, the Board of Supervisors approved the Office's request to add one Attorney position and one Attorney's Clerk II position to develop and implement the DUI Vertical Prosecution Program funded by State of California, Office of Traffic Safety.

- The Board of Supervisors approved the establishment of the District Attorney's White Collar Crime Prosecution Team (WCCPT) effective January 1, 2006, which comprises four Attorney positions, four Investigator positions, one Paralegal position, one Attorney's Clerk II position, one Investigative Auditor position, and one Investigative Assistant position, to investigate and prosecute complex fraud cases including embezzlement, larceny, computer crime, identity theft, as well as other fraud scams. The operating costs of this prosecution team are being funded by the DA Consumer Prosecution Fund 2AH.
- In FY 2006-07, the Board of Supervisors approved the Office's augmentation request to add one Senior Deputy District Attorney position, one Paralegal position, one Investigator position, two Technical Systems Specialist positions, and three Office Assistant positions to implement the District Attorney High Tech Crime Unit Expansion Strategic Priority approved by the Board on December 13, 2005.
- In FY 2006-07, the Board of Supervisors approved the Office's augmentation request to add four Attorney III positions and one Priors Researcher (Investigative Assistant) position to support the training of attorneys in the prosecution of cases and provide support for the Sexual Assault Unit.

Budget Summary

Plan for Support of the County's Strategic Priorities:

The Office is directly involved in two of the 2005 County Strategic Priorities that require funding. Pursuant to the Strategic Priority #7A, District Attorney High Tech Crime Unit Expansion, the Office will request an augmentation of \$711,398 to add eight (8) positions to implement this priority. Additionally, Prop 36 - State Backfill (Strategic Priority #31) will require funding of \$438,080 from the SACPA to fund the Office's continued participation in this statutorily mandated program.



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Changes Included in the Base Budget:

There are no significant changes in base budget requirements. This budget represents continued operation at FY 2005-06 level of service.

For budget purposes, a 5% increase over FY 2005-06 projected sales tax revenue is budgeted for FY 2006-07. In addition, the base budget also includes \$438,080 in Proposition 36 revenue, which is slightly lower than the original allocation of \$452,477 from the SACPA funding to the District Attorney in FY 2005-06, to fund the Office's continued participation in this statutorily mandated program. Any reduction in funding will require the District Attorney's Office to re-evaluate its ability to participate.

Approved Budget Augmentations and Related Performance Results:

Unit Amount	Description	Performance Plan	BRASS Ser.
Add 8 Positions and Associated Net County Cost for High Tech Crime Unit (Strategic Priority) Amount:\$ 711,398	To provide funding to expand the DA High Tech Crime Unit to address growing caseloads.	To increase the amount of evidence collections for the growing High Tech Crime caseloads.	5598
Add 5 Positions for Increased Felony Filings Amount:\$ 588,674	To provide staffing to support the training of attorneys in the prosecution of cases.	To develop an enhanced training for new attorneys to increase their ability to prosecute cases.	5835

Final Budget History:

		FY 2005-2006	FY 2005-2006		Change from F	/ 2005-2006
	FY 2004-2005	Budget Actual Exp/Rev ⁽¹⁾ FY 2006-2007		Actual		
Sources and Uses	Actual Exp/Rev	As of 6/30/06	As of 6/30/06	Final Budget	Amount	Percent
Total Positions	637	661	661	674	13	1.97
Total Revenues	61,419,766	63,008,503	63,083,583	66,362,790	3,279,207	5.20
Total Requirements	81,560,864	85,720,982	86,007,024	90,456,643	4,449,619	5.17
Net County Cost	20,141,099	22,712,479	22,923,441	24,093,853	1,170,412	5.11

⁽¹⁾ Amounts include prior year expenditure and exclude current year encumbrance. Therefore, the totals listed above may not match Total FY 2005-06 Actual Expenditure + Encumbrance included in the "At a Glance" section.

Detailed budget by expense category and by activity is presented for agency: District Attorney in the Appendix on page A39

Highlights of Key Trends:

- In recent years, the number of fraud cases with losses in excess of \$1 million has increased dramatically, with local businesses and citizens as the victim of increasingly sophisticated criminals. Complex issues such as
- banking law, internet and computer crime methods, ring-based identity theft schemes and forensic accounting practices arise regularly.
- Central, Harbor (Newport Beach), North and West Justice Centers continue to experience significantly increased workloads resulting from the growing numbers of felony case filings.

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Budget Units Under Agency Control:

No.	Agency Name	Administrative Services	Bureau Of Investigations	Criminal Prosecution	Total
026	District Attorney	19,551,692	26,307,137	44,597,814	90,456,643
116	Narcotic Forfeiture and Seizure	0	0	492,051	492,051
122	Motor Vehicle Theft Task Force	0	0	3,696,473	3,696,473
12H	Proposition 64 - Consumer Protection	0	0	1,774,201	1,774,201
14H	DA's Supplemental Law Enforcement Service	0	0	922,377	922,377
	Total	19,551,692	26,307,137	51,482,916	97,341,745

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Summary of Final Budget by Revenue and Expense Category:

		FY 2005-2006	FY 2005-2006		Change from l	Change from FY 2005-2006			
	FY 2004-2005	Budget	Actual Exp/Rev ⁽¹⁾	FY 2006-2007	Actual				
Revenues/Appropriations	Actual Exp/Rev	As of 6/30/06	As of 6/30/06	Final Budget	Amount	Percent			
Fines, Forfeitures & Penalties	\$ 1,065,517	\$ 511,960	\$ 270,812	\$ 153,000	\$ (117,812)	-43.50%			
Intergovernmental Revenues	58,484,643	58,303,358	60,254,262	59,748,777	(505,485)	-0.84			
Charges For Services	626,991	1,242,690	795,113	1,796,891	1,001,778	125.99			
Miscellaneous Revenues	111,073	22,000	105,895	28,000	(77,895)	-73.56			
Other Financing Sources	1,131,541	2,928,495	1,657,500	4,636,122	2,978,622	179.71			
Total Revenues	61,419,766	63,008,503	63,083,583	66,362,790	3,279,207	5.20			
Salaries & Benefits	67,937,690	71,440,797	71,440,769	79,792,124	8,351,355	11.69			
Services & Supplies	7,101,938	7,439,820	7,427,309	11,368,001	3,940,692	53.06			
Other Charges	1,372,387	1,643,900	1,643,842	1,694,430	50,589	3.08			
Fixed Assets	203,024	585,695	541,417	1,128,170	586,753	108.37			
Other Financing Uses	8,408,967	8,220,770	8,220,770	0	(8,220,770)	-100.00			
Intrafund Transfers	(3,463,142)	(3,610,000)	(3,267,082)	(3,526,082)	(259,000)	7.93			
Total Requirements	81,560,864	85,720,982	86,007,024	90,456,643	4,449,619	5.17			
Net County Cost	\$ 20,141,099	\$ 22,712,479	\$ 22,923,441	\$ 24,093,853	\$ 1,170,412	5.11%			

⁽¹⁾ Amounts include prior year expenditure and exclude current year encumbrance. Therefore, the totals listed above may not match Total FY 2005-06 Actual Expenditure + Encumbrance included in the "At a Glance" section.

Final Budget Summary of Administrative Services:

		FY 2005-2006		FY 2005-2006					Change from FY 2005-2006			
	FY 20	004-2005		Budget		Actual Exp/Rev ⁽¹⁾		FY 2006-2007		Act	ual	
Revenues/Appropriations	Actua	I Exp/Rev		As of 6/30/06	А	s of 6/30/06	F	inal Budget		Amount	Percent	
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$	16,823,389	\$	16,895,000	\$	17,692,263	\$	18,339,520	\$	647,257	3.66%	
Charges For Services		94,795		85,000		103,719		116,530		12,811	12.35	
Miscellaneous Revenues		99,682		22,000		87,317		28,000		(59,317)	-67.93	
Other Financing Sources		156,166		90,000		127,236		90,000		(37,236)	-29.27	
Total Revenues		17,174,032		17,092,000		18,010,535		18,574,050		563,515	3.13	
Salaries & Benefits		10,397,396		10,460,890		9,698,642		11,406,510		1,707,868	17.61	
Services & Supplies		4,784,234		3,434,578		4,841,885		6,553,463		1,711,578	35.35	
Other Charges		1,372,387		1,643,900		1,643,700		1,694,430		50,730	3.09	
Fixed Assets		164,816		483,495		356,434		850,100		493,666	138.50	
Other Financing Uses		8,408,967		8,220,770		8,220,770		0		(8,220,770)	-100.00	
Intrafund Transfers		(572,847)		(945,000)		(592,359)		(953,465)		(361,106)	60.96	
Total Requirements	2	24,554,954		23,298,633		24,169,071		19,551,038		(4,618,033)	-19.11	
Net County Cost	\$	7,380,922	\$	6,206,633	\$	6,158,536	\$	976,988	\$	(5,181,548)	-84.14%	



Final Budget Summary of Bureau Of Investigations:

		FY 2005-2006	FY 2005-2006		Change from FY 2005-2006			
	FY 2004-2005	Budget	Actual Exp/Rev ⁽¹⁾	FY 2006-2007	Actual			
Revenues/Appropriations	Actual Exp/Rev	As of 6/30/06	As of 6/30/06	Final Budget	Amount	Percent		
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$ 18,337,245	\$ 18,283,670	\$ 19,520,496	\$ 19,497,138	\$ (23,358)	-0.12%		
Charges For Services	250,094	232,000	276,536	228,507	(48,029)	-17.37		
Miscellaneous Revenues	8,672	0	13,093	0	(13,093)	-100.00		
Total Revenues	18,596,011	18,515,670	19,810,126	19,725,645	(84,481)	-0.43		
Salaries & Benefits	21,284,551	23,143,989	23,721,289	25,499,104	1,777,815	7.49		
Services & Supplies	922,422	2,305,354	1,187,971	2,344,704	1,156,733	97.37		
Other Charges	0	0	142	0	(142)	-100.00		
Fixed Assets	38,208	102,200	184,982	278,070	93,088	50.32		
Intrafund Transfers	(1,958,059)	(1,880,000)	(1,798,950)	(1,811,257)	(12,307)	0.68		
Total Requirements	20,287,122	23,671,543	23,295,434	26,310,621	3,015,187	12.94		
Net County Cost	\$ 1,691,111	\$ 5,155,873	\$ 3,485,308	\$ 6,584,976	\$ 3,099,668	88.94%		

Final Budget Summary of Criminal Prosecution:

			F	Y 2005-2006	FY 2005-2006				Change from FY 2005-2006			
	FY 2004-2005			Budget		Actual Exp/Rev ⁽¹⁾		FY 2006-2007		Actual		
Revenues/Appropriations	Ac	ctual Exp/Rev	A	s of 6/30/06	As of 6/30/06		Final Budget		Amount		Percent	
Fines, Forfeitures & Penalties	\$	1,065,517	\$	511,960	\$	270,812	\$	153,000	\$	(117,812)	-43.50%	
Intergovernmental Revenues		23,324,009		23,124,688		23,041,503		21,912,119		(1,129,384)	-4.90	
Charges For Services		282,103		925,690		414,858		1,451,854		1,036,996	249.96	
Miscellaneous Revenues		2,719		0		5,485		0		(5,485)	-100.00	
Other Financing Sources		975,375		2,838,495		1,530,264		4,546,122		3,015,858	197.08	
Total Revenues		25,649,723		27,400,833		25,262,922		28,063,095		2,800,173	11.08	
Salaries & Benefits		36,257,439		37,835,918		38,020,838		42,886,510		4,865,672	12.80	
Services & Supplies		1,394,285		1,699,888		1,397,454		2,469,834		1,072,380	76.74	
Intrafund Transfers		(932,236)		(785,000)		(875,773)		(761,360)		114,413	-13.06	
Total Requirements		36,719,487		38,750,806		38,542,519		44,594,984		6,052,465	15.70	
Net County Cost	\$	11,069,764	\$	11,349,973	\$	13,279,597	\$	16,531,889	\$	3,252,292	24.49%	